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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/780,625; Filed: February 12, 2001  
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Inventors: Bayassi *et al.*  
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 accompanied by four documents; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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